

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An absorbent article comprising a liquid retentive absorbent layer containing a superabsorbent polymer and a liquid-impermeable leak proof layer, wherein an agent having a skin care effect and substantially no decomposing action on said superabsorbent polymer is
5 fixed on a prescribed region of said absorbent article in a state ready to be released from that region on contact with moisture.

2. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said agent is fixed on the skin-contacting surface of said absorbent article.

3. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said agent comprises a water-soluble or water-dispersible plant extract.
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4. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said superabsorbent polymer has a water absorption of 30 g/g or more in terms of physiological saline absorption measured after centrifugal dewatering.

5. An absorbent article comprising a liquid retentive absorbent layer and a liquid-impermeable leak proof layer, wherein an agent having a prescribed effect on the skin of a
15 wearer is fixed with a water-soluble thickener on a prescribed region of said absorbent article.

6. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said agent is fixed on the skin-contacting surface of said absorbent article.

7. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said agent is fixed by applying an
20 aqueous solution or dispersion of said agent and said water-soluble thickener to said prescribed region followed by drying.

8. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said water-soluble thickener comprises polyvinyl alcohol, a carboxyalkyl cellulose or a thickening polysaccharide.

